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STALIN WORKS MAKES COAL BY-PRODUCTS;
FACTORIES RENAMED

The most valuable raw material of the Czechoslovak chemical industry is the brown coal mined in northern Bohemia. A number of by-products are made at the Stalin Works in the course of processing coal. They are generally basic raw materials, but most of them cannot yet be utilized efficiently because research has not progressed far enough to make the conversion of most of the raw materials into finished products possible. The utilization of invaluable types of brown coal offers the Czechoslovak chemical industry unlimited possibilities. One of the successful branches of this new industry is that which produces plastics from artificial resins. The Stalin Works produces an artificial substance called "Stalit," used in making articles and parts. These are used to replace those raw materials which Czechoslovakia lacks, e.g., nonferrous metals and wood.

Sprava Ceskoslovenskych Dolu (Repair of Czechoslovak Mines), a state enterprise, is gradually equipping Slovak mines with mining machines. The Novaky mines will have large, mobile mining combines on rubber and loaders with a caterpillar belt. Machine installations were renewed and worn machinery and carriers replaced at Handlova, where geological formations made construction of large-scale machinery impossible. The mines at Zeleznik received a new loader, which eliminates one of the most difficult parts of the work. The problem of mine electrification is being solved. A modern system of illumination by daylight will be installed in various mines. Twenty million crowns have been spent on research in Slovakia during the past 4 years.

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BRICK FACTORY FULFILLS PLAN -- Rude Pravo, No 217, 15 Sep 49

The brick factory at Skvorectice has fulfilled its assignment for the first year of the Five-Year Plan. Its 23 employees have produced 600,000 ordinary bricks, 500,000 gutter tiles, and 100,000 ordinary tiles in the first 8 months of this year. Seventy percent of these products is destined for public construction.

ARMS FACTORY RENAMED -- Rude Pravo, No 213, 10 Sep 49

The Brnenska Zbrojovka Zavod 01 was renamed Zavod Jana Svermy on 9 September.

A worker of this plant designed field glasses and equipment which enables automatic shifting of abrasive discs. By grinding 600 drill bits (4 3/4; 120 millimeters long) in 4 hours, he fulfilled the norm by 1,700 percent. The worker also ground a stamper for pressing openings in the bases of radio receivers. Other workers make tractor heads.

PLANT RENAMED -- Lidove Noviny, No 211, 9 Sep 49

The Ceskomoravska-Kolben-Danek factory at Blansko was renamed Zavod Jiriho Dimitrova on 8 September.

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